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Some oppose Dream Success Center

Chair of Long Beach College Republicans speaks out against the new resource.

By Amy Patton
News Editor

With the opening of the Dream Success Center for undocumented students at California State University, some students are questioning the fairness of its creation.

Long Beach State College Republicans Chairman Nester Moto said he is trying to get the Dream Success Center in the University Student Union shut down because he feels it is unfair to other students.

"…The administration wanted to allocate the resources and the funds to illegal immigrants instead of… actual students who paid taxpayer dollars for this," Moto said on Fox television last week.

The university's general fund pays for the Dream Success Center. The renovation of the space cost about $16,000, Mike Uhlenkamp, the executive director of news and digital media at CSULB, said.

The estimated 650 undocumented students, or dreamers, pay full tuition and student fees to attend CSULB.

Moto, a junior political science major, said that he plans to go to the Board of Trustees on Friday [March 20] to demand that the center closes and the funds be disbursed evenly to all resource centers.

"This school is already overstretched, and you can see that," Moto said. "Students are not getting adequate attention, they're not getting adequate services for what they're paying for."

Moto said that he will be meeting with Dream Success Center Director Rafael Topete on Wednesday, per President Jane Close Conoley and Vice President of Student Affairs Carmen Taylor suggestion.

"I don't think any particular student is getting special treatment…" Topete said. "Ultimately we have an obligation to the university, in terms of the value of

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Home is where the art is

CSULB student Shelia Ann Rodriguez showcases a critical part of her life with pictures, hair, thread, wood and fiber.

By Stephanie Thai
Assistant Video Producer



Michael Ares | Daily 49er
Master of fine arts student Sheila Ann Rodriguez's solo exhibition combines images of dwellings with organic materials.

The Dr. Maxine Merlino Gallery on campus is providing a temporary home to sepia-toned photos of uninhabited dwellings framed in intricately woven fibers.

"Uprooted" is a senior solo exhibition by Sheila Ann Rodriguez, a second-year master of fine arts student at California State University, Long Beach; it features her original digital photography wrapped in hemp-like rope made of thread, wood, fiber and hair.

After moving in and out of many different homes, Rodriguez said that the struggles she faced in both her childhood and adult life, and her definition of the term "home" inspired "Uprooted."

"I never really had a hometown, and that's a question you're always asked," Rodriguez said. "It defines who you are and what your upbringing is. It's always been something that's always in transition for me [and] inspired the work [in] the gallery."

With divorced parents, remarriages and socioeconomic challenges, Rodriguez said that her childhood proved how little of a say she had on these transitions. With such limitations, she never fully got to experience the emotional attachments that grew between most individuals and their homes.

At the age of eight, Rodriguez found herself constantly on the go, but she sought stability and comfort through crocheting, a skill she learned from both her mom and grandmother.

By utilizing pieces of wood, thread, fiber and human hair from both her and her daughters, Rodriguez intertwined the materials through traditional practices of weaving, crocheting and knitting.

"A lot of the materials I used are fiber and thread," Rodriguez said. "Using that as the basis and also the idea of memory evokes loss and detachment as well as having a rooted system of being grounded in something."

Her technique of utilizing each unique material complimented pictures of the disheveled and abandoned homes that rested above it.

"The pictures are all of houses in the neighborhoods I've lived in and the

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Men's Volleyball



Bobby Yagake | Daily 49er
Long Beach State middle blocker Tyler Kulakowski serves the ball to Penn State on March 14 in the Walter Pyramid.

LBSU digs for a win

The 49ers look or a late-season push as the team prepares to take on Cal Baptist and USC inside the Walter Pyramid.

By Kayce Contatore
Contributing Writer

The sound of sneakers squeaking on a sweat-saturated floor suffused the Gold Mine Gym Monday afternoon as the No. 9 Long Beach State men's volleyball team prepared to face the familiar foes of Cal Baptist tonight and No. 7 USC Friday in the Walter Pyramid.

The 49ers (11-9, 7-8 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) split their weekend matches against Harvard and Penn State during the Asics Tournament, trouncing the Crimson but succumbing to the Nittany Lions.

"We're going to get back in the gym, get up on the boxes and get a lot of hard serves coming at our passers," junior outside hitter Dan Glamack said.

Junior opposite hitter John La Rusch said the team has been working on serve-receive offense and transition offense in practice. La Rusch said one of his personal goals was to work on his serving after committing three service errors Saturday night.

"I didn't have the best serving match against Penn State, which bothered me, so I worked on that a lot today," La Rusch said Monday after practice.

LBSU earned the sweep over Cal Baptist (6-4, 2-12 MPSF) early in the season, but 49ers head coach Alan Knipe said the Lancers play a little bit of a different style of offense than what his team is used to, and it takes a few opportunities to catch onto how they play.

The Lancers are coming off of a five-set loss to Lindenwood on March 14. Cal Baptist took the first two sets before falling in a close race to the Lions.

The 49ers lost to then No. 2 USC (11-6, 9-5 MPSF) on Jan. 28 in three sets. LBSU managed to record just a -.043 hitting percentage on the night. LBSU will face senior setter Micah Christenson, one of the top setters in the country averaging 10.48 assists per set and is already taking

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our diploma. In order to get full value, we must assure that any needs are met."

Moto said that it is unfair for 650 students to have a counselor designated to them when, for example, the College of Liberal Arts has 7,800 students and seven academic advisors.

The Dream Success center does not have academic advisors or counselors, but rather, Topete as the Director and Edgar Romo as the coordinator. The Dream Success Center falls under the resource center category through Student Life and Development.

Moto said he will demand that all funds allocated to the Dream Success Center be dispersed evenly to all resource centers.

"We do plan on getting this place shut down," Moto said.

Romo said that the end goal of the Dream Success Center is to promote graduation and retention rates.

"…We're trying to help all students succeed on campus," Romo said. "…We really believe that if we can promote success amongst this group of students, that will help all 49ers push to succeed as well."

The center is intends to provide financial assistance referrals, information about programs and services, according to a press release on the center's open house last week.

The press release also stated that after Associated Students Inc. passed a resolution for the center, undocumented students met with Interim CSULB President Donald Para and Conoley to discuss undocumented students' needs.

"Yeah they fought for their center, but I didn't know too much about it," Moto said."… But now that I've heard about it, [the College Republicans will] do everything we can to allocate the resources, not just them."

Moto said that about ten to twenty students messaged him complaining about the opening of the center. He said he initially wanted to protest the open house but decided against it because "it wouldn't do anything."

CSULB's Dream Success Center is the fourth center for undocumented students created in the California State University system.

CRIME BLOTTER

Student reports phone stolen from cafeteria

BY COLLIN JAMES
Contributing Writer

A student reported her phone stolen from Squeeze Me on March 10, Lt. Richard Goodwin of University Police said. The student, 20, said she left her phone on a table when she went to buy a smoothie at 2 p.m. and returned at 2:30 p.m. and discovered that it was missing. The phone is an Apple iPhone 6 with a pink and blue case. The phone, with the case and screen protector, is valued at $648. Goodwin said police have not identified any suspects.

Professor reports theft from Molecular and Life Sciences Building

A professor at the Molecular and Life Sciences Center reported a student's wallet stolen at 2:35 p.m. on March 11, Goodwin said. The victim is a 23-year-old student and police said that they did not receive a report on the contents of the wallet. Police have not identified any suspects, Goodwin said.

Woman reports IPhone stolen from bathroom

A 30-year-old woman left her iPhone in the restroom of the Fine Arts Building on March 11 at 3 p.m., Goodwin said. She said she found it missing when she returned. The phone is a coral colored Apple iPhone 5c and is worth about $600. Police do not have any suspects.

Student's bike stolen, cable lock cut

A student reported his bike stolen from the North side of the Kinesiology building at 11 p.m. on March 12, Goodwin said. The student, 24, said he secured his bike with a combination cable lock at 5:30 p.m. and returned at 10:30 p.m. to discover his cable lock cut and his bike missing. The student described his bike as a matte black KU fixed speed with a value of $250. Goodwin said that police do not have a serial number for the bike and do not have any suspects.

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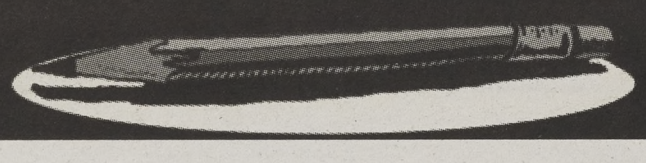
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Are Republicans Racist?
What Your Teachers Will Not Tell you
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The major liberal media and Democratic Party members such as Senator Reid have branded Republicans as racist and uncaring because we oppose President Obama's policies. Let's look at evidence so that you can draw your own conclusions. My opposition to President Obama is based upon his policies and performance in office. First, in his foreign policy area, he has supported those who are our enemies. His "leading from behind" lead to the death of our ambassador in Benghazi, Libya and the growth of radical Islam in that country. I believe he will allow Iran to get nuclear weapons, forcing a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. Second, in domestic policies, I was one who lost my family medical insurance and doctor when Obamacare was forced on the country with no discussions with the Republicans and therefore no Republican support. The disinformation of "If you like your doctor, your can keep your doctor" has been proven false. The democrat talking point is the health care system should be run like the "great" VA hospitals. This is a mirage illustrated by the unnecessary deaths and the neglect of many veterans. Finally, in education, President Obama and democrats send their children to special schools. These same politicians vote against vouchers and charter schools which give inner city minority children a better education. Are the Republicans racist? No. We are against failed democrat policies, not the President personally who proposes and continues to change our country into a socialist society.

WAR OF WORDS RAISES TENSIONS



MICHAEL ARES | DAILY 49ER

Evangelist Jed Smock stands in the free speech lawn surrounded by students protesting his teachings on Tuesday. Smock attracted a crowd of students who could hear his controversial messages.

BY COLLIN JAMES
Contributing Writer

Reverend Jed Smock and other Campus Ministry members returned to the free speech lawn Tuesday with their Fundamentalist Christian messages, but this time they were not the only ones chanting and waving signs.

Students from the Queers and Allies Club stood beside them waving a rainbow flag and signs of their own.

"[The Q-and-A Club] decided to rally up a bunch of anti-hate protesters in opposition to him to spread love," Rachel, who chose to omit her last name, said. "I myself am a Christian and I don't believe in what they are doing."

The Q-and-A Club, along with many other students, decided to challenge the Campus Ministry's anti-homosexual agenda with speech of their own.

"I'm coming back to my campus that helped educate me and got me established," said Bobby Bible, who joined Rev. Smock. Bible said he was not happy with the counter-protesters, calling them, "bullies."

Many students were drawn in by the graphic subject matter displayed by the protesters and the shouting. Some raised the question of what kind of speech should be allowed on campus.

"I understand that they have free speech rights and they are allowed to come on here and preach their beliefs," Melissa Crouch, a junior social science major, said. "But at the same time, they are harassing students,"

Other students disagreed with the protesters, but acknowledged their right to be there.

Police investigate alleged thefts at science center

Possible burglars target unattended belongings

BY COLLIN JAMES
Contributing Writer

University Police is investigating a string of thefts reported from the Hall of Sciences Center and the Molecular and Life Sciences Center.

On March 9, students and faculty reported seven incidents of possible theft to police, including four wallets, from the two science buildings.

The most recent incident took place on March 11, when a student discovered that her wallet was missing in the MLSC. This brings the total number of possible thefts in those buildings to eight.

University detectives are actively investigating two of the incidents, Lt. Richard Goodwin from the University Police Department said.

"Not everyone is pressing charges," Goodwin said. "Of the ones pressing charges, we are investigating [both]."

Missing items include credit cards, debit cards and a large amount of cash. Goodwin said that one victim had her green card and her social security card in her wallet when it went missing.

"We can't do anything about the cash because it's untraceable, but with the credit cards, we have records to look into," Goodwin said.

Stolen property is an ongoing problem across the campus, but the science buildings have seen very little theft until recently, Goodwin said.

Some faculty members are considering taking extra precautions to prevent thefts of equipment and personal property.

James McKibben, the director of the Science Leaning Center in the Hall of Sciences, said he was concerned about the recent thefts.

"I'm surprised there aren't more thefts of cellphones and wallets," MicKibben said.

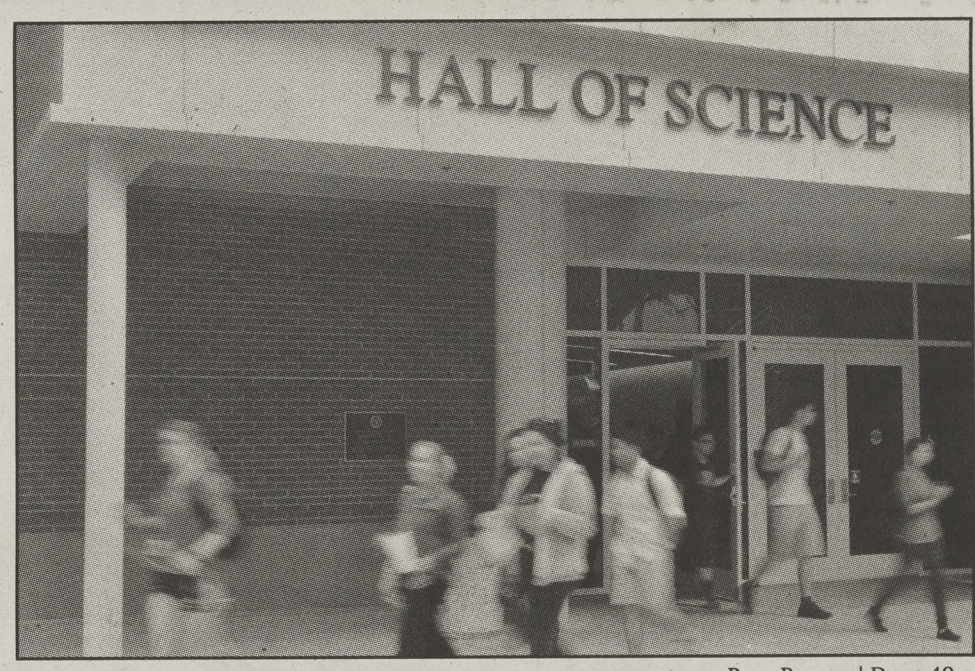
McKibben said that although no equipment or personal belongs have been stolen from the Learning Center, he said that he has caught students stealing money from the donation box.

"There's been two or three occasions over the last year," McKibben said. "It's very frustrating."

To prevent thefts, McKibben said that he might need to install security cameras in the center, which houses aquarium tanks, terrariums, microscopes and other biological equipment. McKibben said that 8,000 people are expected to visit the Learning Center over the academic year, and he and his volunteers cannot be there to watch all of them.

Other members of the science department say that the thefts would not be a problem if people would pay more attention to their belongings.

"I've seen a laptop left in woman's bathroom," Dessie Underwood, the interim chair of the biology department, said. "People do that all the time."



RAUL RUELAS | DAILY 49ER

The Hall of Science building is reportedly the location of eight possible thefts. The most recent incident took place on March 11.

A number of thefts occurred in faculty offices in the science buildings, which are often kept open, sometimes without anyone present. McKibben said that the science buildings are not equipped with any security cameras.

"There is a sense of security you have in your own office," Goodwin said.

Goodwin said that students and faculty need to keep their valuables in their sight and their offices locked when they are not present in order to prevent further thefts.

At this point in the investigation, it is not known if any of the incidents are related. Goodwin described them as crimes of opportunity, which happen when people leave their belongings unattended.

Goodwin said, "Because we are a safe campus, there can be a false sense of security, but it does not negate the need for people to keep an eye on their possessions."

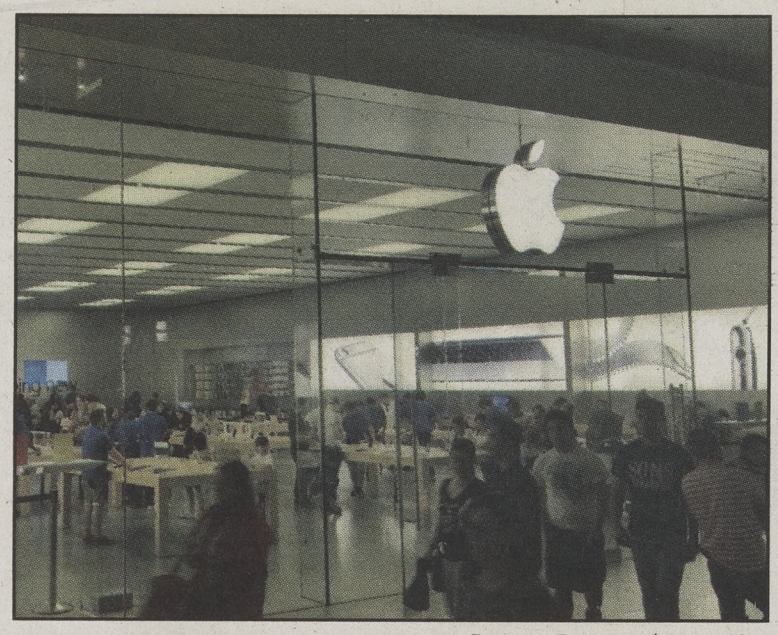
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Apple Watch: Genius Bar's freshest brew

Students chime in on Apple's first product since Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook has taken over.

BY BRANDEN RAULSTON
Contributing Writer



BRANDEN RAULSTON | DAILY 49ER
Apple customers will be able to make appointments to try out the upcoming smart watch on April 10.

Apple users whose arms have grown weary from carrying around a cell phone will only have to wait one month for a solution to their gadget-akin woes—the Apple Watch.

Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook announced last week at a special event in San Francisco that the company's first wearable device is coming to the U.S. on April 24. The new product will be the first brew to the Genius Bar under Cook's title.

On April 10, consumers can make an appointment to try on the smart watch to decide if they want to pre-order the device online.

"I think it's a fantastic piece of technology, but it's very expensive," Brandon White, a senior business economics major at California State University of Long Beach, said.

Although White is a fan of what he's heard, his reservations stand strong on the product.

"I also can't get over the fact that the watch needs to be charged every day," White said, commenting on the daily charge maintenance of the watch's 18-hour battery life. "The combination of those two is a turnoff to me."

The Apple Watch will boast the price of $349 for the most basic model. Customized, gold designs reach above $10,000. Competitors such as Samsung have their Gear 2 at $299 and the Pebble Steel at $199 on the market.

Brian Cook, a senior kinesiology fitness major at CSULB, doesn't think users will get enough bang for their buck with the Apple Watch.

"I think it's all marketing, a money scheme," Brian Cook said. "Their products are really good but I don't think its worth how much they're asking for; I think they're over pricing it by a lot, but they can because they are Apple."

Brian Cook also thinks that smart watches face too many limitations to be useful at the moment but he said that his friend enjoys using it to sneak text messages at work.

For some, the decision is not which technology company will make the new, wearable technology; rather it is whether to get one at all.

Consumers like Kelly Ngo, a sophomore pre-exercise science major at CSULB, are not convinced that anyone needs more than a phone.

"It's basically pointless. The screen is super small, and why buy something with a small screen when everyone is already on their phones?" Ngo said. "It's just another reason to waste more money."

For those that will be purchasing the Apple Watch, they can look forward to performance from the device in three main categories.

First, the company describes it as "an extremely accurate timepiece," claiming that the device can keep time within 50 milliseconds of the universal time standard, Coordinated Universal Time. Users will also have "millions of possible configurations" when it comes to customization of the watch face.

Second, the device will serve as a fitness monitor. It will accurately track the user's activity throughout the day, record calories burned and offer personalized activity goals based off of recorded user data.

Lastly, Apple promises ease of communication with the watch. It allows the user to respond to text messages, emails and phone calls coming from their iPhone as well as the ability to purchase products through Apple Pay, getting on a plane with Passbook or striking up a conversation with Siri.

Apple claims in the press release that "the possibilities for Apple Watch apps are endless." There are top developers working on new apps and software, constantly creating new ways for the watch to interact with the user's environment.

Despite criticisms, Apple seems to have impressed Brandon White.

"I think the Apple watch is far, out and beyond anything the competition has produced." White said. "I wouldn't settle for anything less … but I will be much more interested in buying the second generation when I have more disposable income and the battery lasts longer."



HOME

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MICHAEL ARES
DAILY 49ER



Master of fine arts student Sheila Ann Rodriguez's solo exhibition titled "Uprooted" offers a unique combination of digital photography, rope, wood and hair.

[current] neighborhood I'm raising my children in," Rodriguez said. "I see these homes that need to be cared for, that could've been someone's home but they're abandoned and I think about the story behind it—what happened and transpired."

Debuting since Sunday night, the gallery attracted attendants like Lorraine Jacques from Pomona, whose personal story of purchasing a fixer-upper when she was married and a mother of one helped her relate to the artist's work.

"I went into this home thinking it'd be perfect; [but] the reality is [that] there is no perfect home, there is no perfect house," Jacques said as she noticed the blemishes of one of Rodriguez's pieces. "I'm thinking, 'wow, she could've made it look untouchable and perfect.' There was a lot of deep emotion there."

Eva Fraidany, an attendee from Whittier, said that she believed Rodriguez's intricate designs symbolized unity and a connection that seemed to represent individuals, families and communities as a whole.

"Everyone just has a different interpretation [of good artwork] but I think a good sign that you're a good artist is when you want to touch it," Fraidany said. "The fiber gives a sense of home and togetherness. As a society, we're all just connected together even by the thinnest string."

Rodriguez, married and with three children, now feels that she can achieve the stability that she's always wanted for her family which is now "residing in a city that they can call their own."

Essentially Rodriguez said she hopes "Uprooted" can offer her viewers the same evocation that her art has given her in the road to self-identity.

"I think everyone has a story and everyone struggles with different things in their lives," Rodriguez said. "Everyone has something that they're trying to work through, and I definitely feel that transcends through everybody, making us all well-connected."

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• Mario Solis, NBC4 Southern California Weekend Sports Anchor and Sports Reporter

THURS., MARCH 26 • USU BALLROOMS

Get the facts about fees

JANE CLOSE CONOLEY
CSULB President

The recent University Student Union referendum vote turned attention to the cost of getting an education at The Beach. This is a good thing. But, some misinformation was shared in the mix of discussions and writing.

Informed debate is a cornerstone of an outstanding education, so I'd like to put the facts in front of our Beach community for careful review. As Daniel Patrick Moynihan said, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not to his own facts."

I want especially to separate the USU referendum from the Student Excellence Fund discussion.

First, Student Excellence Fund information is publicly available on our website at http://web.csulb.edu/about/budgetcentral/funddetail2.htm. I encourage you to visit the site for a comprehensive list of how the fund is used.

The SEF generates about $12 million dollars per year and supports critical elements of a California State University, Long Beach education, including: advising, degree initiatives, academic support programs, orientation, expanded student health services, student centers, financial literacy programs, UPASS and free student shuttles, student technology services, lab facilities and intercollegiate athletics, to name a few.

Student leaders have been proactive in seeking oversight in the use of these funds. The university Vice Presidents and Athletic Director have adjusted their planning and decision-making processes to ensure the student voice is heard at all times and at every level.

For example, students will be involved in SEF allocation discussions in their colleges and the athletic department as well as at the university level. This is a significant change.

Without the SEF, the campus would have lost about twenty academic advisors due to serious budget cuts in the recent past. The SEF is not used to cover faculty costs of instruction. The schedule of classes is fully funded by other university revenues. No classes have been cut in recent years due to inadequate budget resources, although some have been cut due to low enrollments.

Second, we are nationally recognized for graduating students with some of the lowest debt of any U.S. university. According to the 2013 Project on Student Debt, 43 percent of CSULB bachelor's degree recipients graduated with student debt averaging $13,386. This is less than California figures, which showed that 55 percent of students graduated with $20,340 debt, and much less than national figures: 69 percent graduating with $28,400 debt.

Despite fees, the cost of a CSULB education is significantly lower than the average of public four-year colleges across the nation. The university awards about $100 million each year in state and federal financial aid. Almost half our students pay no tuition because of the income status of their families.

Third, the student referendum that failed to support a USU fee is completely separate from the SEF. They should not be conflated. While it is true that our student union is beautiful, please consider how this student-owned facility will be kept functional. The university frequently has to make investments in invisible projects that keep water flowing and lights on. These are necessary costs associated with having an aging physical plant.

While I certainly support the student referendum decision, I hope those who care about the USU today and

Student fees may seem to be only a private burden, but they are really investments in the well being of our entire state and nation.

in the years to come will develop an alternative plan that keeps the building working for future generations of students.

Finally, in California and many other states, decision makers are withdrawing support for public higher education. This is a great danger because the U.S. needs well-educated and engaged citizens who value diversity, equity, and hard work.

I am sympathetic to tax payers and students who say, "Enough!" I urge them and you to consider the fact that we prepare the educators, artists, engineers, political leaders, entrepreneurs, health care providers, historians, archaeologists, economists and so on who contribute to the public good.

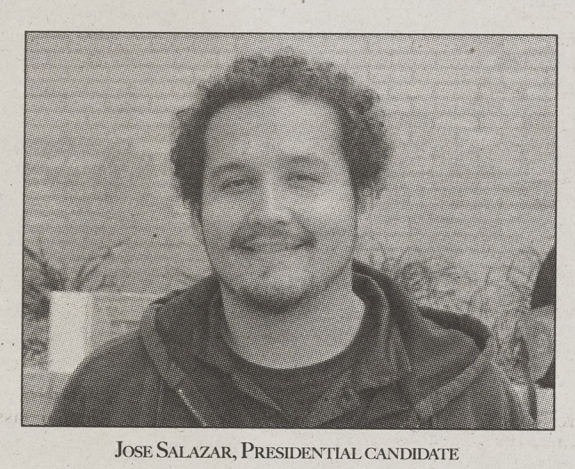
Student fees may seem to be only a private burden, but they are really investments in the well being of our entire state and nation. The university continues to advocate strongly for greater public support. Join in that advocacy. I believe that funding public education is the best of all possible investments.

Your advocacy may convince decision makers that state expenditures for higher education are in everyone's best interest.

Go Beach!

LAST DAY TO VOTE, CANDIDATES TALK

I am Jose Salazar, an aerospace engineering and physics major running with Scott Schultz for ASI President to help my fellow students have the best possible experience at The Beach. Family is everything to me. I am the oldest child, growing up undocumented, and being the first to pursue a bachelor's degree in my family. I transferred from Long Beach City College where I served as Director of Communications for the Associated Student Body. I am currently a senator for the College of Engineering. As a student leader, I've helped with many important decisions. Working for change and being the voice for the students is very rewarding to me. If elected, I will be the first undocumented President from Engineering. Let's Make History! Vote Jose for President.



JOSE SALAZAR, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Goals:

- Proudly represent the students of California State University, Long Beach
- Make tuition affordable for all students, lobby to legislators and write an initiative with all students leaders of California
- Sexual assault and violence prevention
- Lobby and create awareness for important issues concerning student life, campus organizations and underrepresented student communities.
- Bike shop for student rentals
- Nap rooms for hard working students
- Renewable energy independence

Qualifications:

- Over four years of management experience
- Current senator for the College of Engineering
- Extensive legislative experience
- Active in numerous student organizations
- Put in long hours to serve Long Beach

I am a veteran, I am a minority, I am determined, I am every student.

Today I ask the student body to vote for someone with corporate experience, discipline and accountability. ASI is a $15 million-dollar non-profit organization and needs someone with real experience to fill the treasurer position. While serving in the military I managed a $3.2 million-dollar budget and fundraised over $15,000 for the troops morale and recreation programs. For 8 and a half years the United States Navy invested its best resources in my training and I would like the opportunity to use those skills to help our student government do more for fellow students.

PROACTIVE - Having served with ASI as Secretary of Veteran Affairs for the past year, I have had the opportunity to witness first-hand the duties of our current treasurer as well as some of the hurdles that the position entails. As a result, I came up with idea of creating a workshop that students can attend where I could walk them block-by-block through the application process, so that when they leave the workshop they would have successfully submitted their application. Too many scholarships go unclaimed because the application process is so complicated; this is free money that could greatly help students.

ADVOCATE - Clubs and organizations serve as a platform for networking and leisure opportunities for students; however, many of them need more financial support from ASI to fulfill their missions. If elected as treasurer, I will revise the cap that is placed on individuals and organizations when requesting grants. The current limits are just not enough.

TRANSPARENT – We cannot continue to ask our students to vote for fee increases when they are not informed on where the current ones are allocated. I plan on providing a real-time report via a link on our ASI government page with details on where fees are going so that it can be accessed by anyone, from anywhere.

49ers, I hope that you consider me, Wendy Lewis, if you want to experience real change and fearless leadership from those elected to serve with your best interests at the front line.

Wendy Lewis for Treasurer, Go Beach!



WENDY LEWIS, TREASURER CANDIDATE



TODD SCHURR, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Hello 49ers! Rather than campaigning to you, we wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about ourselves campaigning to you.

About Todd Schurr:

Like many in our community, I struggled to get to where I am today. I had a great home life until I lost my father to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and my mother started to abuse alcohol when I was in high school. Without the support of my parents, my life took a dark path. At 16, I lived out of my car. It was until my best friend found out that my life changed for the better. His family took me in when no one else did and officially adopted me. Rather than letting self-pity and anger take a hold of me, I pushed myself to become better and to grow.

In 2012, I transferred here from two different community colleges, El Camino College and Sierra College. Believing in the college experience, I pledged to the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, declared my double major in biomedical engineering and electrical engineering, and earned a spot on the Dean's Honor List. Last year I graduated CSULB's Leadership Academy, was president of Pi Kappa Alpha, volunteered over 100 hours to Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and the community, and won the IFC Greek President of the Year award while earning a 4.0 GPA.

I tell you this story not because I want to boost about my accomplishment or gain your sympathy. I don't care about the titles or the accomplishments I have acquired. I care about how I grew as a person because of these accomplishments.

I tell you this story because I'm just like you. While I can't completely understand each and every student's struggle, I can empathize with you. I share my story in the hope that you will allow me the privilege of hearing your stories and become the best ally I can be as your next ASI President.

If you haven't voted yet, then please take a minute to do so. And if you vote for me, feel confident that I will do my best to hear your voices, represent you, and take actions that reflect the desires and needs of our community.



Dale Lendrum, Presidential candidate

I did it for Golden West College and College of Liberal Arts Student Council and I can do it for you!

Honored as the 2013 Outstanding Student for forward thinking leadership and improvements to student programs, services and scholarships which continue to benefit GWC students to this day, I understand what it means to be entrusted with, and to build upon, a legacy.

My leadership style empowers others to achieve greatness, to reach beyond what they believe their potential is and to realize it. My leadership style celebrates our differences, for what we bring to the table individually serves us all collectively. My leadership style is part mentor, role model and student, for a good leader is always learning. The way we build upon legacies, the way in which we enrich them, isn't always visible in the work that we accomplish but in the leaders we build who accomplish it. "Each one, reach one and teach one." That is my philosophy, my "circle of life."

I served as Associated Students Treasurer and President for two terms at GWC during a period of unprecedented budget cuts, which led to extreme tuition and fee increases. Under my leadership we streamlined our budgets without decreasing the quality of programs and services to our students. We invested $500,000 safely and increased our annual return by 300 percent. As a result, we were able to create ongoing scholarship opportunities, and when other campus based fees rose dramatically; we only had to increase ours by $1.00. Responsible financial management is part of my legacy at GWC.

As president, and with the unwavering support of a dedicated student council and senate, I fought to re-open the doors of the Intercultural Office so that our culturally diverse student population of 19,000 had a place to call home. I fought for dedicated staffing and funding so that it could put on a calendar of events that educationally and culturally stimulated students. Within a year, and under the direction of Lorena Ortega, a CSULB alumna, the office was recognized for excellence in 2012 by the Accreditation Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. I am proud to announce that in the 2015-2016 academic year, the Intercultural Office will become a fully funded and staffed Intercultural Program. Recognizing the underserved is part of my legacy at GWC.

Emancipated Foster Youth face difficult challenges that are often unimaginable. As a member of the Golden West College Patrons in 2012, I proposed and we established two annual scholarships for Emancipated Foster Youth students. I am proud to announce that this spring marks the fourth consecutive year two EFY students will be recognized for their efforts and awarded a $500 scholarship. Representing the under-represented is part of my legacy at GWC.

One of my leadership roles at CSULB this year has been that of President of the College of CLASC. When I was nominated, CLASC was hanging by a thread. There wasn't a single executive board member, there were only eight recognized organizations, and it couldn't conduct business absent leadership and quorum. Six months later CLASC is thriving, has an executive board, 33 recognized organizations, meets regularly, has put on its entire grant funded events schedule thus far, and will receive a budget increase for its fiscal responsibility. ASI President Joe Phillips shared with me in February, "I was a part of CLASC for three years as senator and student representative and no student orgs would show up and it was pretty awful. It makes me really happy to know that you have brought it back around."

Thank you for your consideration and Go Beach!

Dale Lendrum - ASI Public Defender



Miriam Hernandez, Vice Presidential candidate

About Miriam:

Growing up in the infamous city of South Los Angeles where drugs and violence are the norm. I struggled with accessing education. I had no direction in my life. While my parents believed in me and continuously told me that I can one day be successful, I still didn't understand how to do this. Like many youth, I did not understand the importance of following my dreams. My parents enrolled me at magnet high school in East Los Angeles to help me find the best way to succeed.

Like many parents of first-generation college students, they did not know how to help me. At a young age, I had to learn how to advocate for myself in attaining my education. Because if did not, I would have allowed others to decide for me. And in LA, schools are known to write students of color off as lost causes. I began to change my life for the better and became involved on my high school campus. For a while, I thought I had found my direction.

Once I arrived to CSULB, however, I was lost. I did poorly on my classes because I was unaware of the resources available for our students. My first two years in college were a scavenger hunt, going from one building to another. Even when I found the right place, I was often denied help. Tired of being put down by administrators, I finally took to initiative to speak up for myself and for others. I was tired of allowing others to decide what was best for me. Through student organizations like FUEL, I became empowered to demand rather than ask for change within our campus.

Empowered to make change and tired of having others decide for me, I decided to run for ASI Senator-at-Large. This position has allowed to me to advocate and lobby for all CSULB students. I am passionate and hardworking. I believe in our CSULB community. And I know with the support of our community, I will never give up on what is right. Together, we can make effective and long-term positive change for our campus. This is more than just an position to me; this is a chance to have our voice heard.

Hello 49ers! I, Marilyn Meza, am running to be your next ASI Treasurer. My major is health care administration and I have a background in working with budgets for student organizations and a desire to spark change. With your vote, you can count on me to be committed to serve students with integrity.

My objectives are to:

* Implement new ideas, including:
-Free prints
-Middle class scholarships
-Faculty facilitated mentor programs for both undergraduate and graduate students
*Utilize opportunities to speak up about campus wide issues and ensure finances are allocated in the best interest of California State University, Long Beach students.
*Manage ASI funds and budget with transparency and have an open door policy with the CSULB community.
*Connect students to campus resources to ensure academic success and completion.

My prior experience started at Citrus College as a commissioner on the executive board. I participated in shared governance serving as a student representative on several committees. I played an active role as a student leader by attending conferences for the Student Senate of the California Community Colleges.

Thank you so much 49ers for the opportunity to run for treasurer. Go Beach!



Marilyn Meza, Vice Presidential candidate

Hello 49ers. **I'm Scott Schultz, a graduate student running for ASI Vice President.** My top three priorities are:

Sexual assault prevention:

All students, especially women, need to be safe on and off campus. Current college culture is unacceptable and change needs to happen now! I work as an advocate for the Pause Program; our goals are preventing sexual assaults and raising awareness. Sexual assaults on college campuses are incredibly extensive and underreported, and they require student involvement, especially within the ASI organization. Students from the very beginning of college need to be aware of and know how to avoid sexual assaults. We need to bring back the University 100 course with a stronger emphasis on preventing sexual assaults and make it a primary part of the SOAR program's curriculum.



Scott Schultz, Vice Presidential candidate

Mental health awareness:

Psychological services at this university also need to improve in order to meet student needs. Whether a student is having serious mental health concerns or is just stressed out with finals, we need to be there for each other as a community. Letting our peers suffer is wrong. Students need to be aware of CAPS and Project Ocean so they can seek these resources out when they're having trouble. Mental health resources available on campus need to be regularly publicized and individualized. There should not be a one-size-fits-all solution in dealing with this crisis.

Drastically improving parking:

Parking at CSULB is an absolute nightmare. Opening more lots for Student Parking and the construction of a new upper campus parking structure will help ease congestion, especially at the beginning of the semester. Giving students half off ticket credit for their first parking violation would also ease tensions between students and parking enforcement.

Other important goals:

Expansion of Military Resources, Encouraging Religious Tolerance, Campus Suggestion Boxes and opening a campus bike rental shop.

Please vote for my running mate Jose Salazar and the entire 49ers United Coalition.

Build a Legacy! Let's all make History! Go Beach!

About Me:

I take great pride in going to CSULB and want us all to have the best possible college experience. CSULB is a family tradition to me. Growing up I attended 49er camp, The Kaleidoscope Festival and The Isabelle Patterson Child Development Center. My grandfather taught business courses here in the 1970's and my Mom studied nursing here. *My mom was an ASI Senator* and an early advocate for the construction of our current University Student Union and the Campus Shuttle Program. Serving as ASI Vice President, I hope we as a school can continue her legacy. Following my undergraduate studies here, I'm earning my Master's degree in Public Policy Administration and know how to best serve this university.

Qualifications:

-Graduated Magna Cum Laude with Degree in Political Science
-Pause Sexual Assault Prevention Advocate
-CSULB Advocate at State Capital
-President's List, 4.0 GPA
-Outstanding Student Achievement Award: College of Liberal Arts
-Property Manager

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Few can challenge Kentucky

In a tournament that thrives on unpredictability, Kentucky is the safest bet.



OSCAR TERRONES
Sports Editor

As is the case most years when the NCAA Tournament rolls around

The Wildcats earned the No. 1 seed in the tournament after one of the most dominant regular seasons and conference tourney runs in the last few years.

The last college basketball team this impressive was the 2011-12 Kentucky squad that won the title.

The roster changes annually, but the common denominator between the title winner three years ago and the one that has a chance to be only the second team in NCAA history to go undefeated is head coach John Calipari.

For all his faults – a smug personality, questionable recruiting tactics and multiple NCAA violations – Calipari is one of the best coaches in college basketball. With a roster loaded with NBA quality players, he is poised to add a second championship to his mantle.

The Wildcats have an absurd amount of talent, and could have as many as five first round picks in the NBA Draft. Karl-Anthony Towns, Devin Booker and Trey Lyles are just a few of the talented freshmen who have carried Kentucky to dominance.

On the surface, there does not appear to be many teams in the tourney capable of knocking off the Wildcats, let alone the Midwest region Kentucky's slated to play in.

The perennially overrated Kansas Jayhawks are the two seed in the region, but Bill Self's crew does not have the star power capable of an upset.

The only team in the Midwest region that might have a chance to knock off the Wildcats is Notre Dame and All-American guard Jerian Grant. Grant is one of the top scorers in the country at 16.8 points per game. He leads the Irish in every major offensive category.

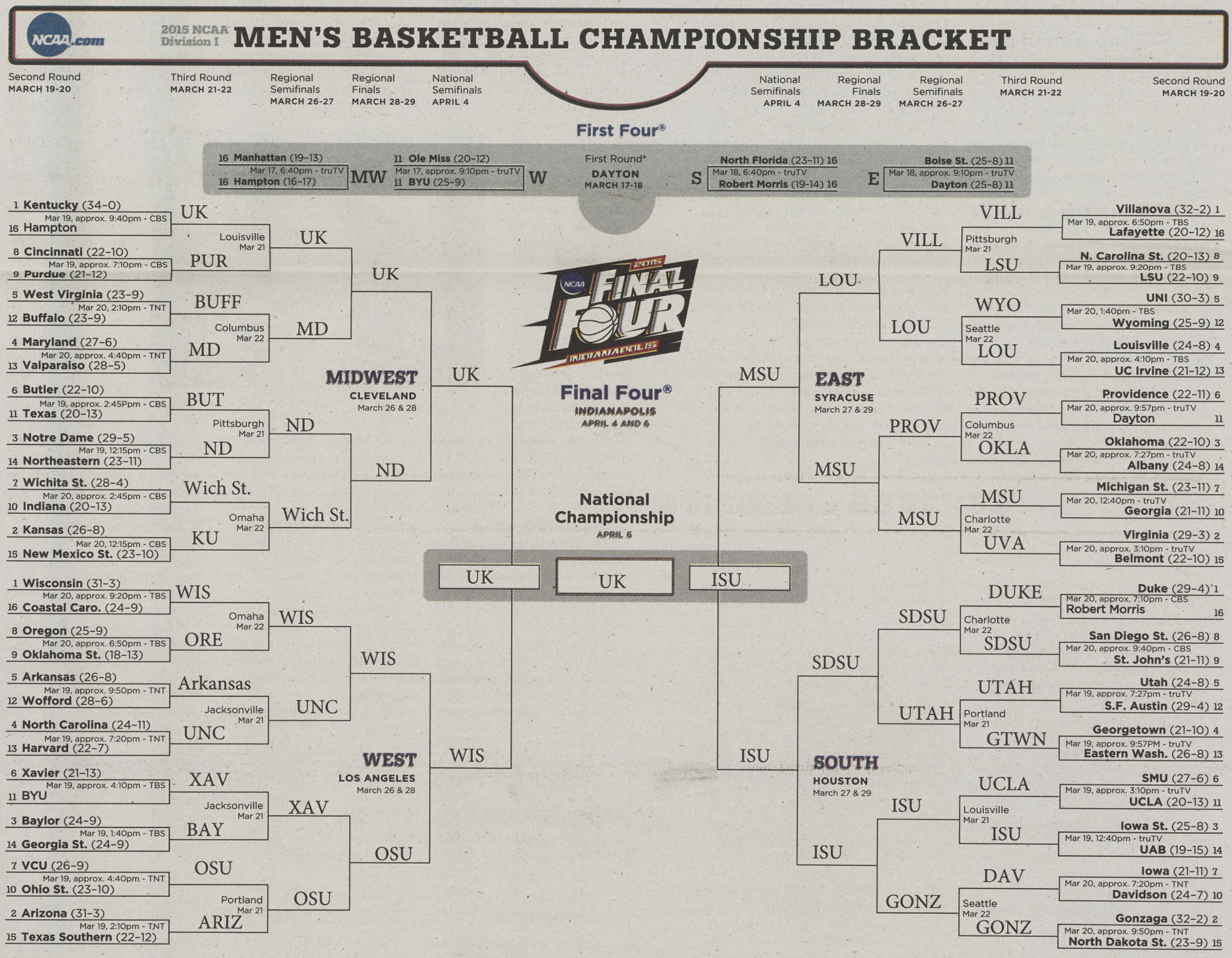
The Irish lethal outside shooting could present major problems for Kentucky in the Sweet 16 if both teams advance. Notre Dame has four player – sophomores Demetrius Jackson, V.J. Beachem and Steve Vasturia, and senior guard Pat Connaughton – who shoot over 40 percent from beyond the arc.

Other teams like Ohio State, Duke and North Carolina have the talent and coaching necessary to take down Kentucky, but the earliest they would face the Wildcats is in the Elite 8, the fourth round of the tournament.

Realistically, the best chance any team will have to beat Kentucky is luck, one of the biggest variables in the NCAA Tournament. Every year small schools with inferior talent knock out powerhouse programs like Duke, North Carolina and Kansas in the early rounds. Some teams get hot from three or catch a break with officiating.

One of the best aspects of the tournament is the complete randomness it produces. The unpredictability of the tourney keeps the audience attached to the screen. Kentucky is the overwhelming favorite, but nobody knows for sure how it is going to respond to the pressure of having to be perfect.

The next two weeks are some of the best of the year. When filling out a bracket, remember that when all else fails, pick against Duke.



MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

DIGS

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on the setter role for the United States men's national team.

"USC has arguably the best player in college volleyball in their setter Micha Christenson," Knipe said, "and he does a really good job at running their offense."

Christenson set up his hitters for success against the 49ers in the team's last meeting, helping senior middle blocker Robert Feathers lead the Trojans to a .348 hitting percentage against the 49ers, slamming down eight kills and six blocks.

La Rusch said in the 49ers' first meetings with the Lancers and Trojans, the team was trying to put everything together and the guys were still getting used to playing with each other.

"Early in the season, playing as a team was something that we were working on at that time," La Rusch said. "We're doing that better now so it's going to be more of a team effort to win."

The 49ers will begin their late season push in league play on Wednesday night against Cal Baptist and Friday night against USC. Both matches start at 7 p.m.